

Dear Sirs or Madam:

This proceeding will make it difficult for our association of 4400 family physicians in Illinois to conduct our business. Please remove the "established business relationship" qualification from the fax regulations. This is bad for our business, and will force us and other associations to obtain the written consent of our members, clients and industry partners before transmitting any fax that could be interpreted as commercial in nature. We also have concerns about the new regulations that remain, including exactly which transmissions the FCC would interpret as commercial in nature, whether written consent to a national association would extend to chapter or affiliate faxes, and whether a written consent form would expire with membership, for example.

We utilize broadcast fax to let our members know about continuing medical education opportunities that keep them well informed on the latest issues in medicine. We also provide public health alerts (such as information on SARS, recently) so that family physicians' offices can be ready on the front lines of medicine.

Please contact me if you have questions. Thanks for listening.